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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU INFORMS POTENTIAL AUCTION 97 BIDDERS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DATA ON EXPERIMENTAL OPERATIONS POSTED TO NTIA'S WEBSITE

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The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has added a file on its Transition Plan and Transition Data webpage for the 1755-1780 MHz band with informational data on Department of Defense (DoD) Experimental Operations. NTIA has also posted a revised Workbook Information File, which explains that it may be beneficial to potential bidders to understand the extent of these secondary and non-interference basis operations. The updated, September 30, 2014, version of the Workbook Information File supersedes the previous versions. NTIA has also clarified on its website that the DoD Workbook Tab 1 and Tab 2 files that NTIA updated and posted on September 10, 2014, supersede the initial versions of the Tab 1 and Tab 2 files that NTIA posted on August 1, 2014.

The new Experimental Operation file and updated Workbook Information File are available at: http://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2014/transition-plans-and-transition-data-1755-1780-mhz-band.

As stated in the *Auction 97 Procedures Public Notice*, an applicant should perform its due diligence research and analysis before proceeding, as it would with any new business venture. In particular, the Bureau strongly encourages each potential bidder to review all Commission orders and public notices establishing rules and policies for the AWS-3 bands, including incumbency issues for AWS-3 licensees, Federal and non-Federal relocation and sharing and cost sharing obligations, and protection of Federal and non-Federal incumbent operations.²

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¹ See Workbook Information File, Updated September 30, 2014, at 5-6.

² See Auction of Advanced Wireless Services (AWS-3) Licenses Scheduled for November 13, 2014; Notice and Filing Requirements, Reserve Prices, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments, and Other Procedures for Auction 97; AU Docket No. 14-78, *Public Notice*, 29 FCC Rcd 8386, 8403-04 (WTB 2014).